

February 8, 2003

Country of Origin Labeling  
Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA  
William T. Sessions, Associate Deputy of Administration  
Stop 02409 Room 2092-S  
1400 Independence Ave. SW  
Washington, DC 20250-0249

Dear Mr. Sessions,

I am a pecan grower of 300 acres in Mitchell County, Georgia. I have worked this acreage for the past 25 years. During this time I have seen the ups and downs on the pecan market. I fully believe that we need a Country of Origin Labeling on pecans sold in the U.S.

With the increase of imports from the other countries I believe the Country of Origin Labeling would help boost the consumers demand for pecans grown in the U.S. I believe if the consumers had a choice between U.S. and foreign grown pecans they would choose pecans grown by U.S. growers.

I feel pecans were unfairly eliminated from the Country of Origin Labeling Bill and I wish to express my concerns. I would like to thank you in advance for your time and effort in considering this request.

Sincerely,



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